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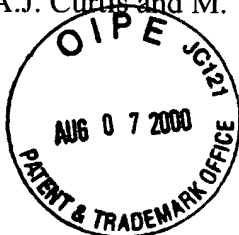
In re the application of: Rory A.J. Curtis and M.
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For: *ISOLATED PROTEINS AND NUCLEIC ACID
MOLECULES HAVING HOMOLOGY TO THE NIP2
PROTEIN AND USES THEREOF*

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated April 11, 2000 (Paper No. 9). A request for the appropriate extension of time in which to respond is being filed concurrently herewith.

Responsive to the Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

In the claims:

Please amend claims 8, 9, 11, and 38 as follows:

8. (Amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising the nucleic acid molecule of any one of claims 1, 2, 5, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, [or 38, and] 38, 40, or 41

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